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RE: Court of Appeals Number: 02-13-00411-CR
Trial Court Case Number: 1273833D

Style: John R. Hoffman
v.
The State of Texas

You are hereby notified that appellant's brief was due on April 7, 2014 and has not been filed as required by TEX. R. APP. P. 38.8(b)(2). You are further notified in accordance with Rule 38.8(b)(2) that the case will be abated and remanded to the trial court for a hearing unless, on or before **Monday, April 21, 2014**, you file with this court a motion reasonably explaining the failure to file a brief and the need for an extension. See TEX. R. APP. P. 10.5(b), 38.8(b)(2).

If this case is abated and remanded, the trial court will be ordered to conduct a hearing to determine whether the appellant desires to prosecute his appeal, whether the appellant is indigent, or, if not indigent, whether retained counsel has abandoned the appeal, and, if deemed appropriate, to make findings for the purpose of aiding this court in determining whether it should initiate contempt proceedings against appellant's counsel. See TEX. R. APP. P. 38.8(b)(2)-(4).

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Respectfully yours,

DEBRA SPISAK, CLERK

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra Spisak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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